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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PATRICK F. COLEMAN et al.

Application No.: 09/515,014

Filed: February 29, 2000

For: SYNTHETIC ANTIGEN FOR THE
DETECTION OF ANTIBODIES
IMMUNOREACTIVE WITH HIV
VIRUS

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1, 12, and 13 with the following substitute claims.

An Appendix showing all changes to these claims is attached to this amendment as required by 37 CFR §1.121(c).

- 1 1. (Twice amended) A method for determining the presence of
2 antibodies to HIV in a body fluid, comprising:
3 (a) contacting, under conditions which permit immunospecific binding
4 to form a reaction mixture, the body fluid with a composition containing at least one
5 polypeptide comprising at least one of the following polypeptide sequences:
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